

Wednesday - March 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

God be with you - guard & guide you all, my own dear  
Marianne - What can I say to you that you do not know  
how we have thought of you - felt for you - hoped for you - prayed  
for you - the lining day - Marianne - how is this event <sup>affect</sup> to you -  
who must - (?) owned the Phalanstery - Was it indeed? How  
did it happen? We have all day been tortured by suspense  
- as I went to his try clap - "five - five - five" an invisible spirit  
whispered & it seemed to suffocate me - A few minutes after I went in  
an editor came to the door to enquire "if Miss P. knew any thing of the  
particulars of the burning of the Phalanstery" - So you think I  
passed much of the morning in ancient Greece? I was rather stunned  
and then I was relieved - so often have I seen the flames pouring  
from those windows - so strongly have I felt that it must be  
a prey to <sup>have said said to you</sup> fire - & it was a relief that it shd have gone out before  
any further expense was put upon it & before it was inhabited -  
What wd. I not give to see you - to know how you are feeling - &  
what thinking - It seems to me to all outward appearance  
that this must be a death blow to you & yet I cannot feel  
deeply depressed about it - I am anxious - but only for the  
present - for the immediate effect - so sure am I that you have  
placed yr hand firmly in the hand of the all loving & all  
Powerful that I can have no fear - no doubts as to the ultimate  
result -

One I alone this morning I wrote you a most earnest letter - blaming  
you & exhorting you - There are many hungering & thirsting  
for the bread of life who you Associationists possess -  
I do not believe I am deceived - these feelings of discontent &  
utter dissatisfaction is very very strong in the mind of many  
& the conviction also that a better way must be found &  
a willingness <sup>a desire</sup> to walk in the path of found - Among these  
seekers - these wishers - you wd. find many doubtless who wd.  
aid you with money & personally - I have you a right to  
keep these people starving if you can by any possibility. ~~just~~



~~Why not?~~ - Supply their need without starving ourselves -  
Now, if you are scattered for awhile here is one field of labor  
wh. is white for the harvest - But you cannot be disbanded -  
Supposing the worst that cd. be - shd you separate forever - yr. experience  
has not been a failure - how much it has taught of the power  
& beauty of love relations - that love - truth - justice are not  
mere abstractions - yr. experience wd. be a valuable legacy to the  
race - But you have yet a mighty work before you - Courage  
firmness - Unflinching faith - the sin against the Holy Ghost  
the unforgivable sin wd. be a lack of faith - & this I do  
not believe will be yours - (The girls have just returned from a  
ball & the hubbub is not very agreeable.)

Our good Mr. H. Channing blessed us with a long call this afternoon  
Mary Ballard came in with Fanny's letter & we & Helen had a  
comforting talk - Poor fellow - He was suffering very deeply -  
We all were in a like state of ignorance & longing to know - It  
did us all much good to see him - He will come before tomorrow  
full of hope & encouragement I trust - Helen sends love & says  
she did not know how deep her interest in you was - she had  
felt completely sick ever since the shock this morning - Her  
first announcement was from the newspaper wh. Father sent  
up - in wh. it was stated that all the buildings were burnt -  
Of course she knew that ed. wd. be - & Mary of course also feels deeply -

What a terrible beauty there must have been in the light  
I met Fred Cabot & spontaneously asked about the Phalanstery -  
Wh. me! - Marianne - Fred is feeling very badly - He feels that human  
being was never treated quite so badly as he has been by  
you at B. F. - He seems to believe he has acted from the highest  
& best motives - that he has done all that was right &  
honorable by you & to feel greatly outraged - Mary B.  
was with me & our talk was pretty animated & is coming  
Friday afternoon to make a full statement of all the  
facts as he sees them - Now dear Marianne if you  
can & think it worth while please give me yr. side of  
the case - I believe "all battle is mis understanding" & I shd



How are the people affected by the Ripley? by Andrew? John? -  
My heart goes out to you all -

like to see into this matter - I suppose I shall go to Roxbury  
tomorrow to see Giddens & shall not be in before <sup>the</sup> one o'clock  
Friday noon - Shall I find a letter then - but I am sure  
I do not wish to be unreasonable - I wd. not have a letter  
to trouble you - & I am well assured you will write as  
soon as possible -

After speaking of the loss of the Phalanstery - Fred said  
it wd. be an advantage - it gave you a good excuse for  
failing wh- you ought to do - He spoke of you as insolvent  
& judging from his remarks I shd feel you were in a wholly  
hopeless condition - an every way hopeless - I wd. tell  
you but cannot write what he said - he asserted his  
right to express his opinion & so - I feel a great  
interest in Fred but I fear the devil's rage just now -  
oh woman - woman how much have you to answer for

Fra wrote me Sunday - she hopes you do not forget at  
B.F. - you cd. not if you knew how much she thinks of you - Poor  
child how trusting will be this sad intelligence to her  
with no one sympathizing soul to console with - I  
shall write her as soon as I know anything myself

And our friends in Denmark - Heaven bless them May  
this trial work in them new faith I hope -

I did not know thing my life was - how great my faith for  
you & in you till now - It seems to me I must grow strong &  
well at once that I may be able to do some good  
work for you ere I die -

How great must be your joy that the hopes & prayers of  
all the good are up - all good spirits watch you  
lovingly - The Almighty hold you in the hollow of  
His hand - The Lord's name be praised -  
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Helen & I have heard  
Cassara lecture  
on Napoleon this  
evening - I felt an  
interest in Napoleon  
for the first time -  
in his forward!  
forward! in the  
face of every calamity  
of his consequent  
victory - for I think  
of you -  
Do you suppose a pay  
party with addresses  
& music c. be arranged  
for Louisa's birthday  
here - or what think  
you of a private  
concert at Chickens's  
room - ask Fanny if  
she will sing & play  
ah! we have ready it  
to scheme - & how  
hard it is to get  
money -

Marianne Dwight.

Brook farm Phalanx -

W. Roxbury  
Map -

Monday morning -  
no news yet & I  
was impatient -  
Lucy & Goddard had  
just been in -  
says Mrs. Sloane  
is feeling very badly  
is willing to do any  
thing & everything  
for association  
is thoroughly devoted  
to the cause -  
Lucy & Mrs. Seabody  
think that they  
ought to help their  
suffering neighbors  
& townspeople &  
think they ought  
to leave their  
Annual map-  
fare for their  
benefit -  
Oh! Marianne what  
will I not give for  
just to look at you  
& then I shall know  
the whole - How  
good it will be to see  
your bright smiling  
face & to hear you  
say - "sit so badly  
off as you think" -  
Don't you pity me  
I am compelled  
to go to a party at  
the Ph. Parsons -  
Friday night -  
Will you?